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The Huntersville road. Last week the story did not have much to do with the Huntersville road further than a regiment of federal soldiers huddled together in the covered bridge across Greenbrier river on the night of the big snow in 1863, the time the Second West Virginia raised Pocahontas county and struck a thirty inch snow.

This week we will consider weaving, sheep, deer, and agricultural fairs, among other things, and assign them to the Huntersville road because it was on that road that Mary Vance Poage wove the web that won the wealth.

This was in the year 1826. At that time there was but one plantation on the river bottom lands on which the city of Marlinton is now built. It was the farm of Major William Poage the first sheriff of Pocahontas county. The county at that time was four years old. The mansion house stood on the east bank of the river nearly opposite the mouth of Price run where the ford of Greenbrier river was located. The ford was marked by the riding rock, a big boulder about four feet in every dimension. When that boulder could be seen the river could be forded by a man on horseback. If it was hid it could not be attempted by the ordinary rider. There was a shallower ford at the island, called Marlins ford, and sometimes the horsemen rode around by that ford when the water was too high at the regular place. In the record flood of 1877, that riding rock was shoved down the river without turning over for a hundred yards and it came to rest again in the same way that it had served at the ford. Its slightly rounded top was right side up, and it was no longer needed as a riding rock, but when the rafting business sprang up and became so important on the Greenbrier river with its flat pilots and crews, it served to mark a tide in the river sufficient to carry a full sized raft to the railway dock at Roncoverte, a raft of a hundred thousand feet of lumber. When that rock was hid, the raft was gotten under way.

I cannot remember seeing the plantation buildings of the Poage homestead, except the main hall after it was deserted and used as a barn to store hay in. It was a huge two story log house with a hall through it and big rooms on each side and must have been an impressive pioneer house. It has been pulled down about fifty years, and its place is marked by some signs of an apple orchard at that place.

George married the Widow Gatewood, a brilliant woman, a daughter of Jacob Warwick. Her first husband was William Gatewood of the Mountain Grove plantation. He was a widower and she was left a young widow with one child, Andrew Gatewood. He died young. He was a classmate of William C. Preston, the famous South Carolina senator and judge, and the two were the bright particular stars of their class at Washington College. Preston's grand mother was a sister of Patrick Henry. Gatewood was his rival in oratory. Much was expected of him when his career was terminated in his youth by death. There have been a lot of Andrew Gatewood's namesakes in the mountains. I am one of them myself. The children by her second marriage included the four beautiful daughters, Rachel Beard, Mary Vance Moffett, Sally McChesner, and Margaret Davies Price, from whom a large number of persons trace their descent.

Page. William Merriweather, George Glmer, Philip P. Barbour, Robert Rives, Thomas J. Randolph, and Geh John H. Cooke. It was a very respectable gathering.

The aristocracy of Virginia had the admirable trait of making the ownership of land and husbandry respectable. The nobles could not work in another man's land or in another man's factory, but he could work on his own land and not lose caste. To milk your own cow was to comply with the code of honor. To milk another man's cow for hire was degradation. A good deal of that spirit is needed in the mountains of West Virginia today. If it was carried out it would mean that the rich mountain land would be reared up and the wilderness would bloom like a rose.

The Albemarle society is one of the oldest farmer's organizations in America. It is probably Jefferson's idea. Husbandry and the arts connected with it were the objects. For instance a prize was offered for an improved grain cradle for the wheat harvest.

Another department took into consideration the importance of weaving, for as they remarked in the resolution that if Congress kept on with the tariff on cloth that it would mean that we would have to make our own.

It is hard to say what a young woman of Marlinton would think today. If it was suggested to her that in her leisure moments, to keep time from hanging heavy on her hands, that she weave twenty yards of cloth. The weavers have left us. I do not know of anyone who weaves cloth. Possibly we could get a rag carpet woven on some of the looms of the county, but the practice of making homespun for clothes has entirely played out so far as I know. And it seems but the other day when home made jeans was common for clothes, and urine was used in the dye operations.

Weaving was a great solace to the lonely lives of the frontier women. It was soothing to the nerves and made the women healthy and hearty. The only part of the art that has come down to me is the ability to tie a weaver's knot, that knot that will never slip, and in which the ends of the string lie true with the direction of the string, so that it may be woven in without leaving a mark.

make the people of the county rich. A bushel of corn and a little hay or fodder will winter a sheep and in the summer they need nothing but the range of the sheep-walk. The western range has become cramped and the industry may be thrown back on the rugged lands of the Appalachian mountains.

When the English government questioned Franklin about the possibility of a revolution, they asked him if he did not think that the colonies were wholly dependent upon England for cloth. How could they possibly find wool enough in North America.

Franklin replied that they had taken steps to increase the wool. They entered into general combinations to eat no more lamb, and very few lambs were killed last year. This course persisted in will soon make a prodigious difference in the quantity of wool. And the establishment of great manufactories, like those in the clothing towns of England is not necessary as it is where the business is to be carried on for the purpose of trade. The people will spin and work for themselves in their own homes.

Sheep had a hard time to get a start in the colonies. The first sheep to come to Virginia were imported in 1609, but thirty years after that there were but three thousand sheep in the colony. They were subject to raids by Indians and by wolves and they were kept for the most part on the lands in the sea. Massachusetts got the first sheep in 1624, and twenty years after that had but one thousand in the colony.

In the New England states the farmers hired a community shepherd who tended the flocks in the summer at so much per head penning them every night.

It was not until the Revolution that the sheep industry got under good headway. The year 1774 there were about twenty thousand lambs butchered for the Philadelphia market, and in 1775, hardly any. The people began to weave on their own looms, wool for warm clothes, and flax for linens. And still there was a great suffering during the Revolution for cloth, and a great trade grew up in smuggled wools that were bought in England, sent to France, and from there brought to the American colonies.

After the war was over the sheep industry continued to prosper. The most successful sheep raiser was George Washington. He bred his flock up to 800 and the average weight of the fleece was five and a half pounds, just about double the average fleece. But after he had served eight years as president in New York and Philadelphia, this flock dwindled to 200 with an average clip of two and a half pounds.

prize won by her niece Mary, seems to have been a great weaver. She gets first prize for best piece of linen cloth 20 yards long and 1 yard wide; first for the best piece of table linen 20 yards long and 1 yard wide; first for the best piece of negro's outside winter clothing, three fourths of a yard wide, and 20 yards long made entirely of wool; first for the best piece of white flannel; first for the best piece of linen shirting; and first for most complete suit of clothes of domestic manufacture, this being Col. William Wood's suit, which beat Mr. James Duke by a small fraction.

Stephen McCormick invented a new plough called the McCormick plough and this got first prize. Also an Angular Balance to test ploughs which was bought by the society. This is where the McCormick broke into the farm implement business. Mary Vance Poage's carpet was woven at Marlinton, for the condition was that it should be woven at the home of the exhibitor.

Order of Publication

State of West Virginia At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, on Monday, the 6th day of February, 1928.

T. S. McNeel, as administrator of the estate of Madison Wilson, deceased, Plaintiff vs. James Wilson, Gene Wilson, Anna Belle Wilson, F. P. McLaughlin, Marlinton Electric Company, a corporation, T. D. Moore, J. A. McLaughlin, T. J. Mason, H. G. Thomas, Montgomery Ward and Company, a corporation, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, D. W. Williams, Elihu Robinson, Farmers and Merchants Bank, a corporation, T. H. Hiner, Williams & Pifer Lumber Company, a corporation, C. J. Richardson, L. M. McClintic, L. M. McClintic, Trustee, George W. McClintic, D. C. Adkison, A. G. Buckley, Trustee, J. K. Buckley, Trustee, and all other creditors of the estate of Madison Wilson, deceased, Defendants.

The object of the above entitled suit is to settle the accounts of the said Administrator and subject the real estate of which the said Madison Wilson died seized to the payment of his debts, and for general relief. This day came the plaintiff by his attorney, Butler Sharp, Bertha Galford, Florence Smith, Ruth Collins, David Gragg, Charles Gragg, Mary Burner, James Gragg, Clarence Gragg, Mattie VanReenan, Burket Gragg, Pauline Gragg, Napoleon Gragg, James R. Gragg, Lee Gragg and Williams Gragg.

The object of the above entitled suit is to subject the real estate of Eliza A. McCloud, deceased, to the payment of her debts and for general relief. This day came the plaintiff, by his attorney, and upon his motion, and it appearing from affidavits filed in this cause that diligence has been used without effect, to determine in what county of this State the defendants Clarence Gragg, Burket Gragg, Pauline Gragg, Napoleon Gragg, Lee Gragg and William Gragg, are located and that the defendant, Florence Smith, is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia. It is therefore ordered that the defendants, Clarence Gragg, Burket Gragg, Pauline Gragg, Napoleon Gragg, Lee Gragg and William Gragg, appear here within one month from the date of the first publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

A Copy Teste: D. C. Adkison, Clerk. A. P. Edgar, Counsel.

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M. G. Garber and D. W. Garber, trading as Garber Brothers Plaintiffs vs. J. L. Cramer and G. C. Cramer, trading as Cramer Brothers Defendants The object of the above entitled suit is to attach the property and estate of the defendants found in Pocahontas county, West Virginia, sufficient to pay the debt of the plaintiffs amounting to \$553.65 with interest from the 25th day of July 1927, and the costs of this suit, and for general relief. This day came the plaintiffs by their attorney and upon his motion and it appearing by affidavits filed in this cause that J. L. Cramer and G. C. Cramer are non-residents of the State of West Virginia it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after the date of the first publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect their interests.

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W. B. Barlow, Sheriff of Pocahontas county, and as such Administrator of the estate of Eliza A. McCloud, deceased, Plaintiff vs. Butler Sharp, Bertha Galford, Florence Smith, Ruth Collins, David Gragg, Charles Gragg, Mary Burner, James Gragg, Clarence Gragg, Mattie VanReenan, Burket Gragg, Pauline Gragg, Napoleon Gragg, James R. Gragg, Lee Gragg and Williams Gragg.

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